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SUBJECT: POULTRY/COGNAC

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 11652, (B) STATE 289833, (C) EC BRUSSELS
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1. FIELDING, EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF
NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, CALLED IN MISSION OFFICERS ON
NOVEMBER 30 TO GIVE THE COMMISSION'S OFFICIAL RESPONSE
TO THE STR ANNOUNCEMENT ON PARTIAL RESTORATION OF BRANDY
DUTIES (REF B). FIELDING, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JACQUOT
OF THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE GENERAL AND DELANGE,
COMMISSION AGRICULTURAL ATACHE AT WASHINGTON, SAID THAT
THE COMMISSION HAD GIVEN ITS PUBLIC REACTION TO THE STR
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ANNOUNCEMENT IN ITS PRESS RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 29 (REF C).

HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO ADD ONLY A FEW MORE WORDS. THE COMMISSION VERY MUCH REGRETTED THAT, DESPITE INTENSIVE EFFORTS ON ALL SIDES, IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE COGNAC/POULTRY PROBLEM. THE COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT IT HAD DONE ALL IN ITS POWER TO PROMOTE A MORE POSITIVE AND LIBERAL OUTCOME, WHICH WOULD HAVE LEFT BRANDY AND POULTRY BETTER OFF RATHER THAN WORSE OFF.

2. IN VIEW OF THE US DECISION, HE SAID, THERE COULD BE NO COMMUNITY CONCESSIONS ON REDUCING THE TECHNICAL COEFFICIENTS FOR TURKEY PARTS NOT CAN THE COMMISSION NOW AVOID TECHNICALLY JUSTIFIED UPWARD CORRECTIONS IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY LEVY. AS HANNAY HAD TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 5 (REF D), THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THIS BEING A MEASURE OF RETALIATION. THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOW APPLY THE PRECISE TERMS OF THE CPOULTRY MARKET REGULATION. FIELDING ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY REGRETTED THAT SO MUCH ENERGY, GOOD WILL AND TIME HAD BEEN SPENT ON AN ISSUE WHICH HAD TURNED OUT BADLY.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT WE COULD ONLY STRESS THAT THE US DECISION HAD BEEN QUITE MODERATE IN THAT HE DUTIES WERE RAISED MUCH LESS THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED AND THAT THAT INCREASES APPLIED TO ONLY A SEGMENT OF THE BOTTLED BRANDY. WE TOO REGRETTED THAT A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WAS NOT ACHIEVED AND WE HOPED THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD AVOID CHANGES REGARDING THE POULTRY CAP WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH A SOLUTION IN THE MTN.

4. FIELDING ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME TECHNICAL CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 26 AND THAT A NEW ONE WOULD PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED LATER THIS WEEK. HE SAID THAT THE POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD MEET TOMORROW. WHEN WE ASKED WHAT KIND OF PROPOSAL THE COMMISSION INTENDED TO MAKE TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVIEWS, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT INVOLVE A POLICY RECOMMENDATION BUT WOULD BE A ROUTINE CALCULATION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE MARKET REGULATION. HINTON

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